

Cultural BMPs

Preservation Actions

- **Historic Preservation Ordinance** allows for the protection of a community's cultural and historic resources may include the creation of historic districts and commissions to establish and implement protective measures that not only protect specific sites but seek to maintain the character and context of an area of cultural or historic significance. (model ordinance) Historic districts are the most common method to protect an area with historic significance. The historic district is a zoning overlay district that preserves the existing resources and ensures new development does not negatively impact and is in context and character of the area.
- **Land use controls** and zoning all local governments to direct the types and styles of developments in relationship to historic resources.
- **Design guidelines** can be used to define the context and character of a historic area. The guidelines will establish the scale and mass for new development within or near a historic site or area.

National Main Street Network

- **National Main Street Network** is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation based on historic preservation as a downtown revitalization/economic development tool. The program provides technical assistance to communities interested in revitalizing core commercial area, minimum standards, technical assistance in program development and promotion.